IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for providing complementary information for a video program, said method comprising the steps of:

  receiving complementary information for a video program;

  receiving a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information; and

  providing a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information; and,

  wherein said method further comprises:

  anticipating complementary information that might be requested by the consumer in response to said received complementary information and consumer profile data collected and stored in user data tables, and storing said anticipatory complementary information,

  and wherein said step of providing a query response comprises the sub-steps of:

  upon receiving the query reference making reference to a user interface including a module in which user profile tables and profile data matching tables are included and a complementary information module with a memory in which user data tables and complementary information is storedretrieving the stored anticipatory complementary information; and

wherein in preparing the response to the query the complementary information module predicts the information that is required and accesses the user data tables for consumer specific data and personalizes the query response based on the consumer specific data__providing the anticipatory complementary information as the query response__.

2.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ __as claimed in__ claim 1, __wherein said method__ further ~~comprising__comprises the step of:__

_____determining whether a predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program; and

retrieving updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

3.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ __as claimed in__ claim 1, __wherein said step of__ receiving complementary information comprising ~~receiving__retrieving__ complementary information directly from the video program.

4.   (Cancelled).

5.   (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~consumer-specific~~consumer profile data comprising data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer.

7. (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~comprises the step of:
_____automatically storing the ~~consumer specific~~consumer profile data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer when the video programs are viewed by the consumer.

8. (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~comprises the step of:
_____storing the ~~consumer specific~~consumer profile data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer based on manual input by the consumer.

9. (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~comprises the step of:
_____extracting complementary information from the video program using automatic person identification.

10. (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~comprises the step of:
_____receiving a request that the ~~complementary information~~query response be sent to a secondary screen.

11.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein visual elements of the query response are configurable by the consumer.

12.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~ comprises the step of:

_____receiving from the consumer an identification of complementary information as delayed complementary information, and providing the delayed complementary information to the consumer at a later time.

13.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the query comprising one of a "who?" query, a "what?" query, a "where?" query, a "when?" query, a "why?" query and a "how much?" query.

14.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~ comprises the step of:

_____providing a visual indicator to notify the consumer that complementary information is available upon request.

15.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~ comprises the step of:

_____displaying the ~~complementary information~~ query response on a secondary screen synchronously with the video program.

16. (Currently Amended)   A system for providing complementary information for a video program, <u>said system</u> comprising:

a complimentary information module including a memory operable to store user data tables and complementary information; <u>and</u>

a processor operable to receive complementary information for a video program, to receive a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information, and to provide a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information<s>, and</s><u>,</u>

wherein<u> prior to receiving a query, the processor</u> <u>anticipates complementary information that might be requested by</u> <u>the consumer in response to said received complementary information</u> <u>and consumer profile data collected and stored in user data tables,</u> <u>and storing said anticipatory complementary information,</u>

<u>and wherein, in response to the query, the processor</u> <u>retrieves the stored anticipatory complementary information and</u> <u>provides the retrieved anticipatory complementary information as</u> <u>the query response</u> <s>the response is prepared based on the</s> <s>complementary information module prediction of the information that</s> <s>is required and with reference to the user data tables for consumer</s> <s>specific data to personalize the query response based on the</s> <s>consumer specific data</s>.

17. (Currently Amended)   The system <s>of</s><u>as claimed in</u> claim 16, <u>wherein</u> the processor<u> is</u> further operable to determine whether a

predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program and to retrieve updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

18. (Cancelled).